

August 26, 2010

ADDENDUM #3 TO
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INVITATION FOR BID
#HWY-309727-RP

The purpose of this addendum is for the 3rd Approved Equals Request for Exceptions for the 35-Passenger Over the Road Mid-Size Coach Vehicles.

All other terms, conditions, specifications and incidentals shall remain the same as originally stated in Invitation for Bid #HWY-309727-RP, Bid Addendum #309727-1 and 309727-2.

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

_____ (Vendor Signature)

_____ (Date)

hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Addendum #3.

A copy of this signed addendum **MUST** be included with your bid response. Failure to include a copy of this addendum with your response will result in disqualification of your response.

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MDT TRANSIT VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS/APPROVED EQUALS FORM

IFB NUMBER: HWY#309727-RP

TITLE OF DOCUMENT REFERENCE: Approved Equals/Equipment Request

TYPE OF VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT: 35 Passenger Midsized Coach

PAGES & REFERENCE: 5

BIDDERS REQUEST AND MDT RESPONSE:

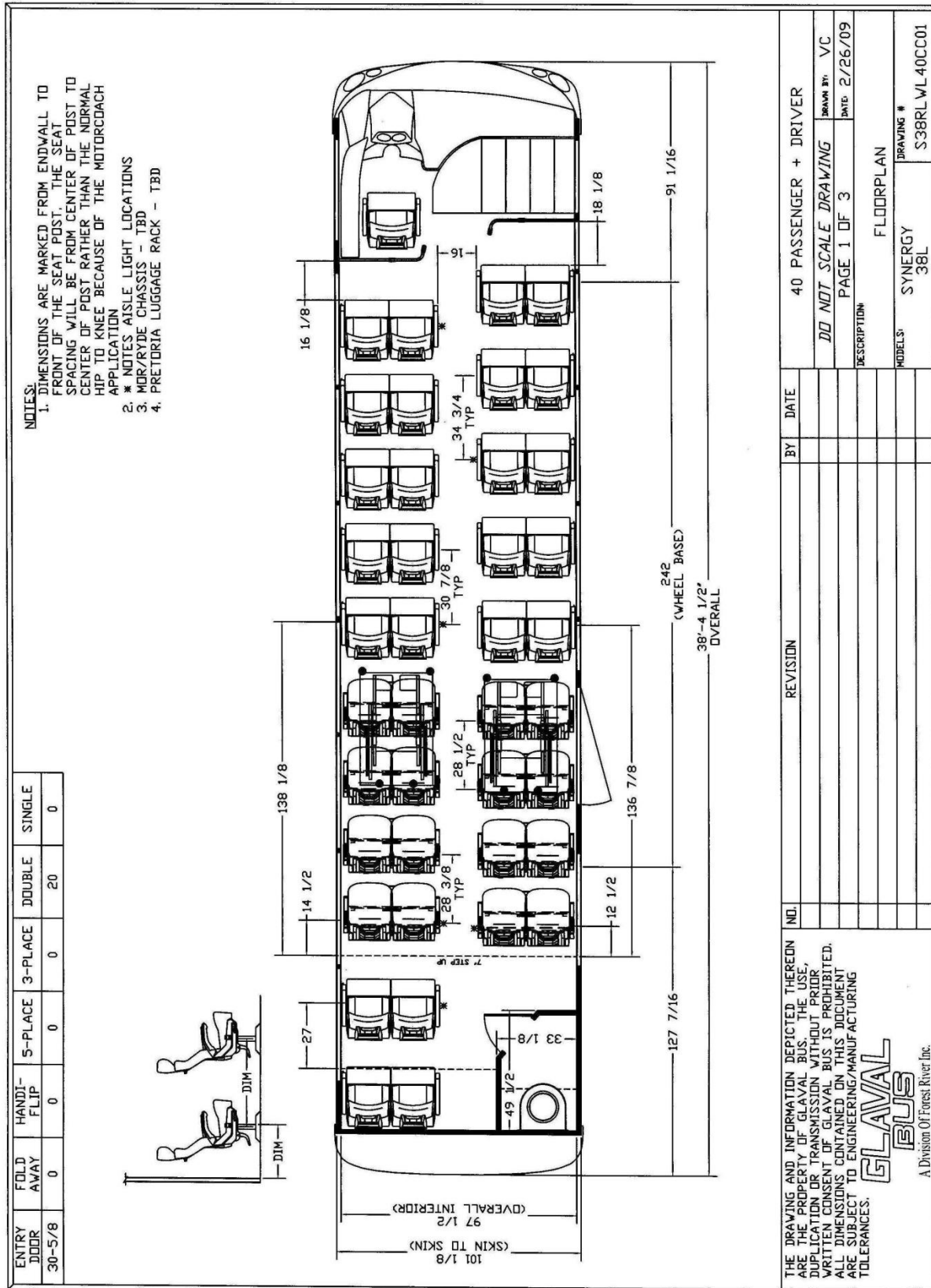
Please approve these changes to the 35 passenger midsized coach bid. We appreciate your agency's attention and please contact me if further information is needed.

#	Spec #	Specification Ref.	Request for exception or approved equal	MDT Response	MDT Comment
1	5.1.3	Wheelbase	Request to accept a wheelbase of 242"	Yes	
2	5.1.4	Frame	Request to accept a 2007 Freightliner XBR	Yes	See MDT Final Comment section
3	5.2.1	Engine	Request to accept a 5.9L 300 HP / 600 ft lbs torque Cummins Diesel Engine	Yes	
4	5.3.10	Brakes	Request to accept chassis OE Air brakes disc front, drum rear	Yes	
5	5.13	Floor Plan	Request to accept attached floor plan, including all exterior, interior, and overhang dimensions	Yes	
6	5.5.5	Interior Mirror	Request to accept 6"x9" convex interior mirror	Yes	
7	5.6.1	Body Cage	Request to accept vacuum laminated sidewalls with steel cage frame construction	Yes	

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8	5.6.17	Insulation	Request to accept foam block insulation	Yes	
9	5.6.2	Body Sidewalls	Request to accept FRP sidewall and roof skin galvanized	Yes	
10	5.6.3	Bumpers	Request to accept non energy absorbing fiberglass bumpers	Yes	
11	5.6.4	Passenger Entry Door	Request to accept single panel entrance door with upper and lower glass, outward opening, air operated	Yes	
12	5.6.6	Wheelchair Door	Request to accept single panel wheelchair door that harmonizes with body	Yes	
13	5.6.7	Door Springs	Request to accept non-spring door retainer to keep wheelchair door open	Yes	
14	5.6.8	Under Floor Luggage	Request to accept motor coach style under floor luggage equal to 280 cubic feet	Yes	This exception is an acceptable in place of the rear luggage
15	5.6.8	Under Floor Luggage Doors	Request to accept 6 pantograph under floor luggage doors (upward opening) (3 per side)	Yes	
16	5.6.8	Windows	Request to accept double pane, bonded, frameless, tour style windows, non opening (except for egress function)	Yes	
17	5.6.10	Lighting	Request to accept all exterior/interior lighting LED	Yes	
18	5.6.10	Lighting	Request to accept recessed exterior lighting armored	Yes	
19	5.7.4	Roof Hatch	Request to accept Transpec roof hatch, vented	Yes	
20	5.7.6	Driver's Seat	Request to accept USSC 9100 Driver's seat with all specs listed	Yes	
21	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Request to accept Freedman Featherweight passenger seats	Yes	
22	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Request to accept Freedman Ritz passenger seats	Yes	
23	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Request to accept adjustable window armrest	Yes	
24	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Request to accept delete aisle sliders	Yes	

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25	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Request to accept delete mesh map pockets	Yes	
26	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Request to accept delete footrests	Yes	
27	5.7.7	Passenger Seats	Request to accept delete center armrests	Yes	
28	5.7.8	Passenger Seat Belts	Request to accept lap retractors under seat retractor seat belts	Yes	
29	5.7.10	Lavatory	Request to accept non-flush, non recirculate lavatory with dual holding tanks	Yes	
30	5.7.10	Lavatory	Request to accept lavatory vent fan activated by light switch (non timed)	Yes	
31	5.7.11	Overhead Luggage	Request to accept overhead storage - Pretoria style with retaining nets (no doors)	Yes	
32	5.6.5	Stepwell	Request to accept Altro covering on stepwell	Yes	
33	5.7.15	Interior Trim	Request to accept luaun interior panels covered in grey fabric	Yes	
34	5.7.16	Overhead Lighting	Request to accept overhead LED rope lighting, track lighting, meets all requirements	Yes	
33	5.8.1	Font Dash Heating	Request to accept 3 speed front dash heat	Yes	
34	5.8.5	A/C	Request to accept 122,000 btu heat integrated with a/c and ducted through parcel racks	Yes	
35	5.8.5	A/C	Request to accept Carrier AC310 135,000 btu output, roof top condenser, ducted through parcel racks, with 2 OEM TM21 compressors	Yes	
36	5.8.4	Front Dash A/C	Request to accept 3 speed driver's OEM a/c, meets all other requirements	Yes	
37	5.14.3	Passenger Window Shades	Request to accept electrically controlled driver's and passenger side windshield shades	Yes	
38	5.6.13	Destination Sign	Request to accept mounting front destination sign at the top of the curbside (RH) windshield	Yes	See MDT Final Comment section

FLOOR PLAN:



MDT FINAL COMMENT:

This is the first midsize coach style bus the MDT has built in recent years and we expect some equipment variations. The vendor has successfully fielded questions and provided sufficient supporting documents which suggest that all but one requested items meet or exceed the intended functions and body design of that specified. Furthermore, the approved equals list does not compromise the interest of the grantee nor the federal grant providers.

MDT will accept the request for the 2007 Freightliner XBR frame with the 5.9L 300 HP / 600 ft lbs torque Cummins Diesel Engine. This exception was brought to the grantee's attention prior to approval. The grantee prefers this chassis for reasons that include the exclusion of the new urethra emissions control system and a possible lower match amount equating to financial savings. The grantee seeks savings in maintenance costs and match as federal operating grant funding has limitations. MDT finds the frame strength, horsepower, and torque comparable to that specified.

The destination sign location has been approved based on the body design. The manufacturer's intended location for the front mounted destination sign is at the top of the curbside (RH) windshield. This is the only applicable location and thus the MDT approves the requested exception.

Additional comments of importance are noted in the "MDT Comment" column of the equipment chart.